



CHAPTER 6



AKASHI

TAIGA



YOU GUYS
CAME HERE
AGAIN



I WANT
TO SHOW
YOU
SOMETHING
NICE

YOU
CAME
EXACTLY
AT THE
RIGHT
TIME

NOPE,
I'M
ALRIGHT

DAD,
WERE
YOU
BUSY?

THE
EMOTIONS
OF
DOMESTIC
SERVANTS

A
SUGAR
TOY
PROTOTYPE
TEST
THAT
HAS

ST-
EMO 06

NICKNAME:
[ROKKICHI]

OUR
LABORATORY'S
NEWEST
TOY

CAT
...?

Uwaaaaa!

YOU
REALLY
LOVE
CATS
DON'T
YOU?

EH
...?

YOU
WILL
BECOME
A
MASTER,

ARASHI











UWA!
DON'T CRY,
DON'T CRY

Y-YES
...

I'M
REALLY
...
SORRY

BUT-

A
LONG...
TIME
AGO?

HE ISN'T
THE WAY
HE WAS
A LONG
TIME AGO

THAT
WAS
WHAT I
WAS
HOPING
FOR

MAYBE HE
COULD HAVE
TURNED
BACK TO
HOW HE
WAS LIKE A
LONG TIME
AGO

IT'S
OVER
10
YEARS
OLD
THOUGH

A
PHOTO
...?



THIS



UNLIKE
TODAY, THIS
WAS WHEN
THIS KIND OF
RESEARCH
WASN'T
PROHIBITED
BY LAW

HE WAS
RESEARCHING
ABOUT A
CONNECTION
BETWEEN
DOLLS AND
EMOTIONS



ARASHI?

THAT'S
ARASHI'S
DAD

DO YOU
WANT
TO

HEAR A
LITTLE ABOUT
AN OLD
STORY?

THAT
CAT
SHAPED
SUGAR
TOY
....





AMAZING!



THAT
SUGAR TOY
WAS CALLED
"ROKKICHI"



HAVING
THIS
TOY

DOESN'T
REALLY
MAKE ME
FEEL
HAPPY

てへへへ



UNLIKE
YOU, I
HAVE NO
MOTHER
EITHER

IN THE END
I BET DAD
WON'T COME
BACK FROM
WORK



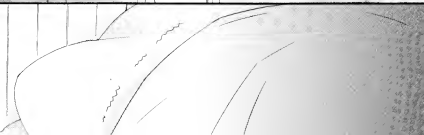
ARASHI,
THIS
IS
UNFAIR!

TO BE
THE MASTER
OF THE LATEST
MODEL OF
SUGAR TOY
IS SO COOL!

it's so
nice!

...







THUNDER

I DON'T QUITE GET IT!

SO IN THE END, THE LIGHTNING IS AROUND 3 KM AWAY ...

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YOU MULTIPLY SOUND'S SPEED WITH THE NUMBER OF SECONDS TO GET

6 SECONDS? ?

I'M NOT SCARED

Rokkichi's hands were big and

THEREFORE YOU WILL BE OK

...BASICALLY, THE LIGHTNING IS REALLY FAR AWAY,

Good morning!

Oh, morning!

WERE VERY WARM

If I don't have fingers, how am I supposed to do household chores?

Rokkichi actually has fingers?



ARASHI

WELCOME
BACK
HOME

...
KICHI

ROKKICHI!

ON YOUR
WAY BACK
FROM
SHOPPING?

I'M BACK



I
thought
so!

Leave it
to me!

I WANNA EAT
HAMBURGER
CURRY!

TODAY
WE ARE
HAVING
CURRY!



"ARASHI
YOU
ARE
MEAN!
(CRIES)"

I
REALLY
DON'T
GET
IT

IN MY
LAST
CLASS, I
REJECTED
A GIRL'S
CONFESSION,
AND SHE
SAID

AND LIKE
LISTEN
TO THIS





BY
HAVING
EMOTIONS,

THEY
WORRY,
JUST LIKE
HUMANS

THE DOLL'S
AND TOY'S
EMOTIONS
BECOME
STRONGER
AND MORE
COMPLEX

AS
THE
YEARS
PASS,

IT'S
SOMETHING
THAT WE
GAVE
THEM

I DON'T
WANT THEM
TO FEEL
HURT
YET
...

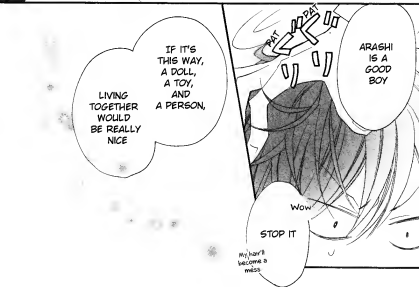
IF
ROKKICHI
EVER
STARTS
WORRYING,

I
WILL
LISTEN
TO HIM

I'LL
HELP
HIM

THE
SAME WAY
ROKKICHI
HELPED ME

ROKKICHI
IS
DOING
FINE!





WHEN
IT COMES
TO YOU,
YOU SAY
SUCH NICE
THINGS

WHY
...



BUT
EVEN
SO,

RESEARCH
IS MY
EVERY-
THING

...I
KNOW
THAT



I'M...
A REAL
BAD
FATHER

I FORCED
EVERYTHING
ON
ROKKICHI!

FOR
BEING
AWAY
FROM
HIM

YET NOTHING
WILL CHANGE IF
I CONTINUE
THINKING THAT
I'M BAD



A...
RASHI



Wow
Wow
Wow

STOP

**DAD
LOVES
YOU TOO!**

**FALL
ON**

What's up
with those
two?

Ahaha



BUT EVEN
SO, I
LIKE MY
DAD

I FEEL LIKE
MY DAD'S
RESEARCH IS
REALLY
AMAZING



But-



Voices of concern regarding
the research facility of
doll toys having emotions.

Someday,

I
believed
I
would
see

the
same
world
as him.



it's
"threatening"
human
"dignity"

and
should be
"regulated"!

are
getting
thrown
away
since

that
have
human-like
emotions

The
crafted
dolls and
toys



AHH
THE
GOVERNMENT
WANTS
WHATEVER TO
THEY REPLACE
WANT IT IT
TO BE.

Because
there's
lots of
opposition
against it.

IT
WASN'T
ME!
IT WAS
THE
NEWSPAPER!

SAY
WHAT?



This
should
have

come
gradually.

Uncle is
doing his
best too,
you know.

SO I
DOUBT
THAT
THEY'LL
DO IT
SO
QUICKLY.

WELL...
EVEN 'TIL
THEY STILL
TALK SHIT
ABOUT
STUFF

...

WHERE'S
THE
DIRECTOR
...?

HUH
...?!

DID
THE
BILL
PASS
...?

HEY

But
it
suddenly
came

WILL
HAVE
TO BE
DISPOSED

DOLL TOY'S
RESEARCH ON
EMOTIONS IS
COMPLETELY
PROHIBITED

EITHER
WAY, IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE

THEY
DON'T
LISTEN
TO OUR
OPINIONS.

THOSE
THAT
ALREADY
HAVE
EMOTIONS

DAD!

WHERE'S
ROKKICHI
?!

ROKKICHI
IS
ALRIGHT,
RIGHT
...?

AHH
...
YOU
HEARD
ABOUT
IT?

ABOUT
THEM BEING
DISCARDED
...
IS IT...
TRUE?

It's
a lie

Why

How

What are you
telling me, that
Rokkiehi and
the rest
did

This is
just...
crazy

I'M
SORRY

I
WAS
HELPLESS

I
COULDN'T
DO
ANYTHING

What

Is
this



YOU'VE
BARELY
EATEN
ANYTHING
RECENTLY

YOU'LL
END UP
FAINTING
...



ARASHI

IT'S
TIME
TO EAT
DINNER



JUST
SHUT UP

I DON'T
NEED IT

BUT
...

JUST...
LEAVE ME
ALONE!





LOOK.

I MADE A
LOT OF FOOD
THAT ARASHI
LOVES.

I DON'T
NEED ANY
OF THIS

IF
ROKKICHI
COULD BE
BESIDE ME
TOMORROW,

THAT
WOULD
BE ENOUGH



I'M
SORRY
...

ARASHI



I
GREW
FOND
OF HIM





THAT
WARM
HAND

IS NO
LONGER
AROUND



THE
WORLD
CHANGED



DAD

...

DAD



AAAAH

IT'S
WRONG!



AAAAH

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU'RE
SLEEPING
IN SUCH
A PLACE



DAD...

IT'S
FINE.
I
ALREADY
KNOW



YOU HAVE
NO REASON
TO BE IN THIS
LABORATORY
ANYMORE

GOING
BACK
HOME

I
UNDERSTAND.
I'LL GO

PLEASE
STOP.

YOU
CAN'T DO
ANYMORE
RESEARCH

AND
RESEARCH
IS
ALREADY
GONE

COME
...
BACK

ASHIDA
...

EVEN
THEN,
MY
FATHER

JUST
WENT
ON
TO
MORE

AND
KEPT
ON
HOLDING

THAT
IS
TRUE

FORGIVE
ME

TO ALL THOSE
WHO HAVE
LOST PEOPLE
DEAR TO THEM.

ALL THE
WAY TO
THE END



IT'S
BECAUSE
HE WAS
A PERSON
WHO STUDIED
ABOUT LIFE.

DURING
RESEARCH,
THERE WAS
NO ONE
AS FLEXIBLE
AS ENDOGAKI.

HE WAS
STILL
VERY
YOUNG.



IT'S
REALLY...
A SUMMER...

WELL,
ANYWAY, THEY
CAN'T CONTINUE
WITH THEIR
RESEARCH

—
ARAGH
—

living
together
would be
really
nice.



If it's
this way,
a doll,
a toy,
and
a person,

Tears

no
longer
flow
out



Figure 1

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